

A quantity of 109,091 tons has been kept in Central Reserve Depots.

MISUSE OF TELEPRINTERS

***44. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been made into the allegations contained in an open letter to him about the misuse of teleprinter services; and

(b) if so, the result of the inquiry?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The monitoring has confirmed the observations of the P. & T. Department that the press circuits were to a certain extent misused by certain News Agencies. Suitable action to ensure the proper use of the press circuits has been taken.

FLOOD RELIEF IN TRIPURA

***55. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any relief has been given to the flood-affected peasants of Tripura; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, to the extent of Rs. 23,500.

ROADS IN TRIPURA

***61. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many bridges on the motorable roads were washed away and damaged in Tripura by the floods during June, 1954;

(b) if so, the number of bridges damaged;

(c) the arrangements that have been made to restore communication and transport facilities; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such happenings?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). One bridge and one culvert were washed away and nine bridges and culverts suffered minor damage.

(c) Communication and transport facilities have been maintained by arranging diversions and constructing temporary culverts.

(d) Permanent and semi-permanent bridges are being constructed wherever possible.

FERTILIZERS

***64. { Shri Ajit Singh:
Shri Balakrishna:**

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient quantity of fertilisers are available at present for supply to the agriculturists in India;

(b) whether the agriculturists have been fully educated in regard to their proper use; and

(c) what is the total output of fertilisers within the country *vis-a-vis* its annual requirements?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 21.]

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

***77. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of **Labour** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who have undergone the course of technical training for adult civilians in various technical trades during the last three years and the nature of training imparted to them; and

(b) the number who have obtained the requisite diploma?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) 11,211; the Technical training has been imparted in engineering and building trades only. The period of training prescribed for technical